

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please delete the Abstract on page 11 in toto and replace with the following new Abstract:

Abstract

A pole for a hand pallet truck includes a pole bar linked to a support for a steerable wheel at its lower end and connected to a loop-shaped handle at a remaining end. The handle is centrally grappable at its near end and includes an operating device therein attached to a holding extension projecting into the handle. The holding extension is connectable to a lifting apparatus of the hand pallet truck via a traction and/or pushing element with operating levers being disposed on either side thereof. The operating levers are pivotally mounted on the holding extension in a plane defined by the handle, each operating lever acting on a common displacement element connected to the traction or pushing element wherein pulling the operation levers from a neutral position away from the pole bar causes a lowering operation and pushing the operating lever's out of the neutral position towards the pole bar allows a lifting operation of the lifting apparatus. Preferably, the operating levers are coupled such that the lowering operation and lifting operation can be effected by pulling one single lever or both levers simultaneously.